

Decision for Categorical Exclusion
DOI-BLM-AK-F020-2014-0015-CX
NEON, Inc. Right-of-Way for FF096806

Decision

It is my decision to allow the issuance of a Right-of-Way Grant to National Ecological Observatory Network, Inc. (NEON) for the purpose of operating and maintaining the relocatable ecological observation tower facility described by BLM case file FF096806.

Rationale

1. This action is in accordance with the BLM objectives of promoting efficiency in granting Rights-of-Way and protecting the quality of natural resources and preventing unnecessary environmental damage to lands.
2. There are no anticipated impacts to cultural resources.
3. The Proposed Action will not significantly restrict subsistence uses.
4. Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) will not be impacted.
5. This action will occur on lands determined not to have Wilderness Characteristics.

Appeal Procedures

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, in accordance with 43 CFR Part 4 and DOI Form 1842-1. The notice of appeal must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management Eastern Interior Field Office (at the above address) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. Appeals from administrative decisions issued by BLM-Alaska must be filed in writing in the office of the deciding official, either by mail or hand delivery. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or e-mail will not be accepted as timely filed.

/s/ Lenore Hepplore

11/18/2014

Lenore Heppler, Manager
Eastern Interior Field Office

Date